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Mayor Announces Team to Inform Mayoral Candidates on Issues

READING, PA – June 18, 2015 – Mayor Spencer and his administration will be working proactively with the mayoral candidates to inform them, as well as the public, on the issues facing the city and the next administration.

Up until the general election, the Mayor's Office will serve as the transition team to assist with all related activity. Frank Denbowski, Special Assistant to the Mayor, will serve as the transition coordinator. All related communication will go through him.

"It's an honor that the Mayor has recommended me for this role," commented Denbowski. "Our hope is that it keeps the momentum created by the current administration going."

The transition team will be providing the necessary resources to answer the tough questions and to prepare the candidates for the full magnitude of the challenges the Mayor Elect will face when elected in November.

In line with the Spencer administration's commitment to transparency and accountability, the full list of topics the transition team presents to the Mayoral candidates will be published on the City's website and will be found at, <http://transition.readingpa.gov>. Resources will include:

1. Act 47 materials: related state legislation, recovery plans, performance reports, and presentations;
2. links to key data sets on the Open Data Platform: crime, economic development, permits, and licenses;
3. Charter and Ethics Board materials: updated City Charter, Code of Ethics, advisory opinions, rules, and orientation guides;
4. financial records via annual audits, monthly reports, and the OpenGov platform; and
5. digital copies of the City Code and Administrative Manual.

A booklet will be created to document this administration's progress and accomplishments and inform the new administration of where we left off in key areas and a half-day session will be provided within the next month, based on the candidates' availability, to discuss these key issues.